## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

Nancy Goodman and Jacqueline Peiffer,

Case No.: 2:14-CV-414

Plaintiffs,

**Judge Frost** 

v.

**Magistrate Judge King** 

J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc., et al.,

Defendants.

Civil No. 2:15-CV-2923

CAMPBELL FAMILY TRUST, et al.,

**Judge Frost** 

Plaintiffs,

Magistrate Judge King

v.

J.P. MORGAN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

## <u>DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO</u> <u>PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE</u>

Defendants J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc., JP Morgan Funds Management, Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. hereby submit their response to Plaintiffs' motion to consolidate Case No. 2:14-CV-414 ("Goodman") and Case No. 2:15-CV-2923 ("Campbell").

Defendants are not opposed to consolidation of *Goodman* and *Campbell*, provided that the consolidated case schedule does not substantially delay *Goodman*, which has been pending since May 5, 2014. Toward that end, Defendants have had discussions with Plaintiffs in an effort to reach an agreed upon consolidated case schedule.

Plaintiffs and Defendants have agreed in principal on the key deadlines in the proposed case schedule -i.e. fact discovery cut-off, expert witness disclosure deadlines, and dispositive motion deadline – however, they are still attempting to reach agreement on certain interim dates and related discovery issues.

Given these circumstances, Defendants propose that the parties submit a new Rule 26(f) Report setting forth a proposed consolidated case schedule for Goodman and Campbell, to be followed by a preliminary pretrial conference to address any remaining disagreements or other issues the Court would like to address. Plaintiffs have indicated they agree with this proposed approach. The parties should be able to submit a Rule 26(f) Report by no later than Friday, January 15, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, I have caused the foregoing Response to Plaintiffs' Motion to Consolidate to be electronically filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will then send a notification of such filing ("NEF") to the following:

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